

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state, and we recognize that fire presents a serious public safety concern; and

WHEREAS; we also recognize that folks are at the greatest risk from fire in their homes, with home fires claiming the lives of 2,630 people across the United States in 2017; and

WHEREAS; as communities across our state work to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, many folks may find themselves spending more time at home, which means that reviewing and adhering to household fire safety practices has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; working smoke alarms cut the risk of a home fire fatality in half, and folks who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS; two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen, making cooking the leading cause of home fires in the country; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week – “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” – serves as a reminder to stay alert and exercise caution when cooking to reduce the risk of a kitchen fire; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends the first responders who are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries, and encourages all Wisconsinites to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes and kitchens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 4 through 10, 2020, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

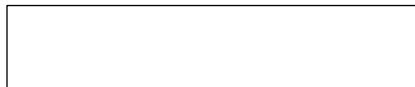
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 1st day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State